

Ælfric's History of the World



VVHerefore to prove the thing, otherwise as good as nothing what we say; but like saying and doing, which are two; concerning w^{ch} of more consequence then supposed, even of those three witnesses in earth, what power indued withal, in relation to the three in the high Court of heaven (*Joh. &c.*) they stiled Judges of the Earth (to wit) the grave and prudent Barons of Exchequer; *Et hi tres unum, &c.* Mr. Baron *Trevare*, the Ancient of days in his likeness; The second like the Son of man, the azure clouds mixt his Foot-Carpet; The

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third answerable to the Holy Ghosts slow operation, *PROPHESY* for a time ceased, or like that saying of theirs, *Have not so much as heard whether any Holy Ghost, &c.* to whose Ministry committed the Mystery of Times and Seasons, by all the world derided, &c. severaldays before whom this troublsom tryal appearing of the Manor & Rectory of Pyreton, by what indirect courses & ways taken thereto the King intitled, by jugling Projectors plots, an old Outlawry revived, caused hereby to stretch it self out by their breathing into it, &c. to overthrow a lawful Purchase and Ioynture, after injoyed so many years, waiting their opportunity, the widows Estate to cut it off, by such trivial incumbrances sifted forth :
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the very Image of the Beast, *Revel.* 13.
by the Great-Seal faced forth, onely
paying His Majesty about a Mark
yearly; a costly purchase therein by
his own officer for one born out.

Not unlike that dispute about *Moses* body, between the Archangel and
the other, reported by *Jude*, this Law
point debated so often in open Court
by the advantage taken of her im-
prisonment, got into possession, so pas-
sing from this to the Judges charge
for repairing this breach, appointed to
stand in the gap, hereby to take off
the Lords heavy hand from him,
namely the King, by conjuring this
Spirit down, raised up in his Name,
the three kingdoms suffering for it, no
less then for the sin against the holy
Ghost committed, added thereto, forgi-

ven neither in this world nor the other; witness the Archbishop for one gone to his proper place from Tower-hil: and yet deliverd not for all so long in travel the aforesaid Kingdoms, such distraction witness continuing in Ecclesiastical and Civil affairs both.

No ordinary offence or trespass for, but with a high hand, as not unknown to himself:: That for her coming unto him not without manifestation of a Commission in that case: To give him a taste of his judgement at hand, no less then the hand writing (*Dan. 5.*) served on him in his gallery; immediately by a reference under his hand bearing date, 1633: Octob. &c. *Whitehal*, committed for that cause the space of two years a close prisoner in the Gatehouse, &c. stript of all ever since,

since, a cup whereof himself since hath
drunk the dregs, cannot deny it, This
is the business, that sleeps not.

Howsoever he falle asleep, like them
bidden to sleep on, &c. she though
then, and since armd with no few sad
tokens of that kinde come to pass, on
others no obscure ones.

With this for another observation,
her Ioynture the Manor of *Englefield*
whilst she in the Gatehouse, bought
by the Marques of *Winchester*, how
his of *Basing*, such an Example not the
like, unluckey *Babel Towers*, how
costly to widows and fatherless, now
made to kiss the ground.

All put upon his reckoning, in the
Isle of *Wight*, and impeached of trea-
son in this kinde; as *Whitehals* desola-
tion too: no light thing; shewed
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about their neck a meeter ornament what weight not unknown. Yet for making atonement in that case, for his Majesties folly, now this suffices, like as when *F O B S* captivity said to return, was appointed to pray for his three friends: So on the other side, the aforesaid Judges three to make his peace, to turn his Captivity away, fallen so low as hard to judge, whether exposed to the dunghil, or the dungeons Slavery the greater or better Estate, unhappily by his own seeking hapned.

Nor his Name wiped out of this Record, once that a good Confession made, afterward makes as bad an end lifting up the heel, as much as in him lay, like *Balaam*, *loving the wages of unrighteousness*; his own Solicitor General,

neral, to this pacification such an adversary, wherein the general good also a copartner with this, of the widows cause which the Lord defends, and stands up for it.

In which, if any misprision hath been since their judgement irreversible, may if they please, appoint the *Amoveas Manus* to be renewed, &c. And with this belief concluding, *Bethold, I make all things new*, including *Lucifers Restauration*, first and last of that Name, when the times of refreshing comes, morning and evening star both; and his own Badge the star born, its Motto too, *How art thou fain, &c.* first of that Name, King *Charls*, and last of great Britains Kings, counselfd by her his *Eve*, or *CHAVAH*, also *Adams* figure, from whose

whose hands the Lord vouchsafes to accept satisfaction none, declared as afore, which cost him his life, eaten by a Lyon, he sent to cry *O Altar*, &c. charged neither to eat bread, nor water to drink thiere, that kings arm which restored (*Kin. 13.*) so then learn'd Iudges, to whom not unknown mercy afterward, as well as judgement begins at home; your charge the substance or sum of it, when *Zions* widow restor'd settled in her possession, which makes ways for others, by your means, orders a mitigation for his discharge, so fast in the Sea (as it were) about his neck a milstone, &c. every one in his order, even *Sodoms* inlargement, before the return of *Capernaums* Captivity. *Endless praise be to whom ascribed.*

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